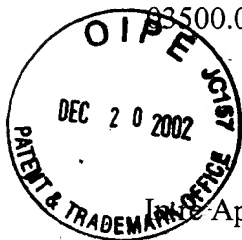


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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of a November 8, 2002 EPO Search Report. U.S. Patent 5,187,581 and EPO 714 632, cited in the Search Report, are already of record in the present application and are not listed on the current form PTO-1449.

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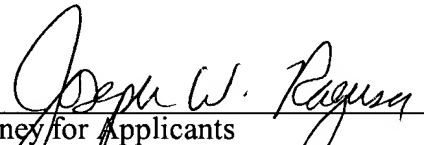
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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